

CITY OF LOCKPORT
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING – OFFICIAL RECORD

Site: Common Council Chambers

Tuesday, May 26th, 2020 - 3:30pm

Present: Commissioners Cheryl Brown, Mark Devine, Flora Hawkins. Also present: Police Chief Steve Abbott, City Clerk Paul Oates

Meeting called to order by F. Hawkins at 3:52pm

Motion by C. Brown to approve the minutes of the May 11th, 2020 meeting, seconded by M. Devine. Motion passed.

Chief Abbott's Report:

- **Calls for domestic incidents and mental health issues continue to be on the rise...domestics by 80% and mental health calls by 45%**
- **An upgrade has been done to the server to improve the records management system**
- **Officer Mitch Pagan has just finished field training**
- **Only one major issue where an establishment violated COVID-19 rules. Officers responded to a bar fight. The state liquor authority closed down the business in question**
- **A few officers were exposed to the virus on calls, but everyone at LPD is healthy. All COVID-19 protocols continue to be in place**
- **A cost analysis was done, in conjunction with Director of Finance Tim Russo, on hiring new officers, and it was found to be less expensive than paying overtime**
- **One overdose death to a city resident since the last meeting**

4:04pm: Motion by C. Brown to begin executive session. Seconded by M. Devine. Approved.

Police officer interviews were conducted with: Miguel A. Bermudez, Clayton J. Gifford, Gwendolyn R. Schuler, Marshall B. Taylor, Brandon R. Claps, Molly K. Gorski, Logan M. Yotter, Brenna R. Sheehan, and Lance Woods.

Commissioner Thomas Murphy joined the meeting during the interviews.

Motion made and seconded to end executive session. Approved.

The board voted to appoint the following officers: Miguel A. Bermudez, Marshall B. Taylor, Molly K. Gorski, and Logan M. Yotter.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 8pm.

The next scheduled meeting of the City of Lockport Board of Police Commissioners is Monday, July 6th at 5:30pm.

Respectfully,

Paul K. Oates

City Clerk

CC: Police Board, Chief Abbott, Mayor Roman, Common Council and Corporation Counsel